

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2007 in the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the above-identified application in the manner identified above. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Present Status of Application

Claims 1-3 and 5-11 are allowed. Claims 13 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi et al (US 5,722,055).

In this paper, claims 13 and 15-20 are canceled. Insofar as this amendment merely cancels claims, it is believed to be proper under 37 CFR 1.116. MPEP 714.12. Thus, on entry of this amendment, allowed claims 1-3 and 5-11 remain in the application.

Foreign Priority

Applicant's thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority. With respect to the priority document, Applicant notes that it was filed on December 17, 2003, as is reflected in the image file wrapper for this application.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502447**.

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